S.No.	Project	State
3	Belapur-Seawood-Uran electrified double line	Maharashtra
4	Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)	Maharashtra
Railway Electrification		
1	Ambala-Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh, Haryana
2	Khurja-Meerut-Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh
3	Moradabad-Lucknow-Uttratia	Uttar Pradesh
4	Mugalsarai-Zafrabad	Uttar Pradesh

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Projects in U.P. and Maharashtra targetted to be completed in 2005-06

S.No.	Project		State Length (in Kms)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur-Farukhabad-Gauge Conversion	137
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Cheonki-Lohgara-Doubling	27
3.	Uttar Pradesh	Zafrabad-Utratia-Doubling	34
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Utratia-Chandrauli & Sultanpur-Banduan Kalan-Doubling	37
5.	Maharashtra	Diva-Kalyan 5th & 6th line	11
6.	Maharashtra	Panvel-Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust-Doubling	29

No Project is targeted for completion in the current year in the state of Uttaranchal.

Improvement of goods transport facilitation rail network

624. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to improve various goods transport facilitation rail network in the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for generating additional rail capacity for carrying long and short haul bulk goods by making it industry and consumer friendly;

(c) whether it is a fact that Japan International Co-operation Agency has offered financial assistance for Mumbai-Delhi and Mumbai-Kolkata rail corridor project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Improvement and expansion of the Rail

network is a continuous and ongoing exercise. Every year as part of the Budget exercise works relating to New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Traffic Facilities, etc. are sanctioned for improvement of the goods transport facilities as well as expansion of the physical rail network. During the 10th Plan (2002-07) it has been envisaged to add 1310 Kms. of New Lines, 2365 Kms. of Gauge Conversion and 1500 Kms. of Doubling for expansion of the Rail network. An Integrated Railway Modernization Plan (2005-2010) has been formulated for overall improvement in the facilities in the rail network including various measures to improve running of freight trains on Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals, Throughput Enhancement Works and Terminal Facilities Works, Computerization of the Freight Operations, etc. This would also enable making the system more customer-friendly.

Railways have also envisaged construction of a Dedicated Freight Corridor along the Golden Quadrilateral & its diagonals and other high density routes, keeping in view the need for capacity augmentation and meeting the demands of the projected growth of freight traffic.

(c) and (d) In the Joint Declaration issued after the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Japan to India in April 2005, Government of Japan has confirmed their intention to examine the feasibility of proposal for Dedicated Freight Corridors with the financial assistance from the Japanese Government. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been asked to undertake a feasibility study for Dedicated Freight Corridors on Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Kolkata routes.

Growth rate in the first quarter

625. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has written to all General Managers regarding negative growth in the first quarter during the current year;

(b) if so, the growth rate for all sectors in the first quarter; and

(c) how the situtation is likely to be corrected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The negative growth registered in the first quarter of the fiscal is under Sundry other earnings, which constitute only about 2%